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Dayton's Federal Court Bill.

Some newspapers in the state are opposing Mr. Dayton's bill for the division of West Virginia into two federal judicial districts. It is worthy of note that the majority, if not all of the opponents of the proposal are Democrats, and that the principal objection seems to be that one of the effects of the adoption of the measure will be to create some new offices for Republicans. They even go to the extent of impugning the motives of Mr. Dayton, alleging that his desire is to create a new judiciary which he himself, expects to fill.

These criticisms do great injustice to the representative of the Second district. The necessity for the division has been discussed for some years past, before Mr. Dayton became a congressman. In fact, and its desirability has been advocated by members of the bar and others living business in the federal court, without regard to political affiliations.

One of the best evidences that there is no politics in the movement is the fact that the West Virginia Bar Association unanimously endorsed the Dayton bill and appointed a non-partisan committee to urge its passage, after debate in which some of the best arguments in its favor were presented by Democratic members of the bar. From the standpoint of economy there can be no objection to the measure, as it is clearly shown by the report of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives that its adoption would save to the government double the amount of the extra cost in salaries of the extra judge and court officers.

It is also shown that the division of the state is desirable on the ground that the amount of business in the federal court has grown to be very large, the cases pending in ten other states combined, and that they exceed those pending in the combined twelve districts combined being greater in number than in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, and Mississippi, these six states being the largest in population in the Union.

These facts form in themselves a powerful argument in behalf of the bill, and there are many others, one in particular being the enormous cost of a single court and the great amount of work devolving upon one judge by reason, not alone of the large number of cases, but of the large territory covered in the district, requiring extensive travel, by the judge, witnesses, attorneys and officers of the court.

It is difficult to understand why any one should oppose the proposition of a division on political grounds, unless it is due to the chronic habit some editors and politicians have of opposing every thing, right or wrong, that originates in a body that is not of their political faith.

The criticism based on a supposition that Mr. Dayton is inspired by a personal ambition is absurd, and Mr. Dayton himself has set that objection at rest by declaring—first, that he will not be a candidate for any office in connection with the court; and, second, that he is ineligible for such a position under the constitution of the United States, which prohibits a member of Congress or senator from being appointed to any office created by the legislative branch of the government during his membership therein.

An ordinary familiarity with the fundamental law of the country is all that editors of certain Democratic papers, who have been imputing to Mr. Dayton a selfish ambition, needed to convince them of the ridiculousness of their attitude. And yet they continue with these imputations.

The bill does not legislate Judge Jackson out of office, but makes him the ranking judge and relieves him of considerable work. There is no logical ground, whatever, in fact, for opposition to the measure, but, on the contrary, many grounds for favoring it. The wonder is that any one opposes it.

Slightly Mistaken.

If the Popocratic organ in this city will permit a suggestion, we beg leave to assure it that its column of editorial denunciation of the Intelligencer for copying a brief comment from the New York Evening Post on certain evidence given in the so-called Hanna bribery investigation, is entirely unwarranted.

The quotation in question from the Post was not, as the organ appears to think, a defense of Senator Hanna, but simply a fair and impartial comment on the character of certain evidence in the investigation. Neither is it true that the Post is a "Hanna supporter of Hanna," though it does advocate the financial views of the Republican administration.

As a political critic of Mr. Hanna, the Post, which is a Whig paper, is

quite as pronounced as our local Bryanite organ, except that it uses more dignified, refined and decent terms in its criticisms than our friend takes use of. Our neighbor's lengthy tirade about "Editor Godkin, of New York, and Editor Pickens, of Louisville," is irrelevant to the purpose of the Intelligencer's approval of the comment on a fair treatment of a matter involving a political enemy's personal character by a newspaper that, however it may differ from it on economic questions, stands high in the ranks of dignified metropolitan Journalism.

In the discussion of public questions there is a line between decency of expression and mendacious personal abuse which is always observed among gentlemen of the press, but which our neighbor seems never to have discovered.

Diplomatic Discourtesy.

The mere matter of the exclusion of American fruits from Prussia does not appear to be an affair of great importance as the manner in which it was done. Our exports of fruits to German countries are not so large that their exclusion need seriously embarrass us. A point of greater significance in connection with the affair is the unprecedented act of discourtesy and utter contempt of Prussian minister of finance, in issuing his decree without previously notifying the American ambassador.

Aside from the discourtesy toward the representative of the United States at Berlin, the remarkably unprecedented performance of putting the decree into effect immediately, thus causing American shippers, who had quantities of fruit in transit, great financial embarrassment; and, also, the failure of the decree to exempt from its operations fruits known to be absolutely pure, after inspection.

This last feature of the action of the Prussian finance minister indicates that there is some truth in the charge that the policy is inspired by hatred toward the United States, and by a spirit of commercial jealousy wholly unjustifiable. It is fair to presume that the course which has been pursued by the German state, and especially the three features of it mentioned, will form the basis of some interesting correspondence of a diplomatic nature, with the chances that this government will have decided by the best of the situation.

An announcement that the federal council, or Bundesrath, of the German empire has somewhat modified the effect of the decree, to the extent that the fresh fruits from America must undergo an inspection, does not alter the force of the insult that was given to the American ambassador, and through him to this government, which, while it may lead to no strained relations between the two governments, does not reflect credit upon the country offering the discourtesy.

Going to Extremes.

These silverites who profess that they, and not the gold people are really the friends of honest money and the national credit, are having little to say about the significance of the voting down of the Nelson amendment to the Teller resolution in the senate the other day.

While professing to be "bimetallists," the silver majority in the senate deliberately rejected this amendment, which expressly declared the obligation of the government to maintain the parity in value of its gold and silver money.

This action showed how empty is the claim that what the silver leaders are after is bimetallism on an honest basis. It has called forth some severe criticisms from Democratic papers that had hoped the limit of foolishness had been reached by the leaders of the new school of financial theorists masquerading under the name of Democracy.

The rejection of the Nelson amendment has served to widen the breach between the sound money Democrats and the Populistic or radical free silver faction, as might have been expected. The Macco, Ga., Telegraph, a sound money Democratic paper that has been hoping for a reunion of Democracy on traditional Democratic principles, gives utterances to one of the notes of disgust at the fanatical adherence to the silver heresy, when it says that the voting down of the proposition declaring the government's obligation to maintain the parity between its gold and silver money was "the most startling position taken by the new leaders of the Democracy since the adoption of the Chicago platform, although it was the next logical step. We had hoped that they had gone to their limit in 1896, and that they were preparing to retract their steps, but it seems not. We cannot explain it except upon the theory, which is too patent, that they have burned their bridges behind them, and that they are prepared for the last plunge. In fact, as we see it, this act was the last plunge."

This is plain talk, but it strikes up the situation. The action referred to is plainly a notification that honest, common-sense bimetallism has no place in the language of the silver combination.

We are moved to "sore one" for Dr. Mary Walker. At a white house reception, where the Chinese minister presided to the eccentric little doctor the rather personal question, "Why do you wear pants?" she was quick to reply: "Why do you wear that gown?" "Because it is the custom of my country," replied his ecclesiastical highness. "Well," said Dr. Mary, "I wear pants because this is a free country and we wear what we please." The Chinese minister will probably think twice before he asks another American woman a personal question.

Over in Washington county, Pa., a burial permit was refused in the case of a woman who died in convulsions, with no doctor in attendance. Her death was surrounded by circumstances which would lead to call a doctor, and "Christian Science" had been relied upon wholly for her recovery. It appearing that one physician had simply attended the patient with oil, Mr. A. wanted the authorities to make a thorough investigation. The authorities are right.

The Hon. Jerry Simpson, the stockless Populistic leader from Kansas, struck some death-dealing blows at the British gold standard and the money power in general, and at the same time put in

heavy hits for British free trade by exhorting in a speech, in Congress, the fact that a London trade mark was in the interior of Chairman Dingley's silk hat. Great is the Kansas Populocratic statecraft.

The report of State Labor Commissioner Barron on the extent of the coal strike in this state last summer, an abstract of which appeared in yesterday's Intelligencer, shows, indicating that Mr. Barron has devoted himself industriously to his duties. Incidentally the report shows that there are now 20,000 miners at work in the state, a very large percentage of them at advanced wages, which speaks well for the coal industry in West Virginia.

A Kalamazoo, Mich., man is discovered to be the husband of nine wives, and the returns from outlying precincts are not yet in. He took kindly to widows who had property, and they are now all after him in a bunch. Evidently, the gentleman never heard, or at least had no faith in the advice that Sam Weller received from his father:

"The Intelligencer is not an advocate of the betting habit, but it is willing to suggest to those who feel like engaging in that pastime, that a safe investment would be a wager that the editor of the Register can, blindfolded, spell the name 'Bookskin,' on his type writer, without an error."

A bill before the Ohio legislature proposes to vest the power of granting marriage licenses in a board of physicians. Is the author of the bill in a scheme to decrease marriages in the Buckeye state?

What has the stage done to ex-Champion Corbett, that he should resolve to give up prize fighting altogether and devote his entire talent to "elevating the theatrical profession?"

AN ECCENTRIC CHARACTER.

Orin, Claiborne, who will be remembered by Old Wheeling Citizens.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The larger the Jingley law revenues grow, the more convinced are the free trade Democrats that prosperity is a curse.—New York Press.

Now that Cuba and the United States are holding each other by the hand it is discovered that the yellow fever outbreak in the south has failed to have its origin in Cuba at all, but in Guatemala.—Pittsburgh Times.

Grafting is still a comparatively unknown branch of science. There have recently been grafted into all kinds of office papers, but the grafters of the Ohio legislature have had but little success in their effort to graft sound money on the Populistic free silver cause.—Cincinnati Times Star.

Boston, storm-swept, and connected with the rest of the world only by a single telephone wire, is in a state of delirium and has been publishing a new play without its knowledge.—Chicago Record.

In the official biography of the prince of Wales it is stated that the prince owes no doubt speaking of "The



A DAINTY AFTERNOON GOWN FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

A charming gown at the same time artistic gown is shown in our fashion illustration this week. There is something about the cut that marks it at once as being decidedly new and stylish. It is made of light-weight cloth, and has an untrimmed skirt, plain and of medium

width, fitting to perfection, of course, with the fullness at the back. The cut of the gown is furnished by a tissue-paper pattern issued by Harper's Bazar, where it appears, and is made with wide square revers of satin covered with lace. The same design can be carried out with braiding on white cloth instead of the lace and satin.

The International Sunday School Lesson.

February 6, 1898. Matthew vi, 21-34

OUR FATHER'S CARE.

This emphatic declaration of the impossibility of the double service—God and mammon—corresponds to the first digit of the Decalogue: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." An absorbing concern for the obtaining of worldly good—a complacent repose in its possession—partakes of the nature of idolatry. It excludes God from the account, as well as man's own spiritual nature. It is the sin of sin; covetousness, which is idolatry. . . . But the Master-Teacher anticipates the question, "How shall we live unless we apply ourselves undividedly to the getting of a living?" In noble and touching language, Jesus reveals the Fatherhood and providence of God. The forgetting of this truth leads to grasping and cruel competition in the gaining and selfish, gluttonous, thankless using of what is once acquired. This is the argument: The body is the casket of the soul, and the soul is the spirit. The very act of creating such a spirit casket with it the support of the body in which it is enshrined. The reasoning is from the greater to the less. The analogy is from nature. Plants and flowers live and thrive, and that, too, without the artificial devices of which man may avail himself. The benevolence which expends itself upon the least, will not be parsimonious toward the greatest. To be a stronger deterrent from corroding care can be found in human language. He who spoke it was touched with a feeling of our infirmities. He himself had not wavered to lay his head. Thus he not only commands, but he exemplifies the spirit of dependence and trust toward the Father. . . . There is here no premium on indolence, however. In fact, labor is tacitly enjoined. Man is to be diligent and gather into barns; he does toil and spin. By this very means the Heavenly Father feeds and clothes him. . . . Continue this reasoning, gathering, sowing, and planting, but in the right spirit and in the right proportion. Where this becomes the sole aim and end of life, it partakes of the essence of idolatry. It is Gentilism, pure and simple. . . . This holy and inspiring passion of every heart should be the complete setting up therein of the kingdom of God, the resultant of which is righteousness of heart and life. This is the believer's true portion. It is a heavenly inheritance, and it is directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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MOSAIC FROM COMMENTARIES.

Can serve: Belong wholly, be entirely under command to. J. P. B. The master of the heart may be fitly termed the love that reigns in it. Clarke. Two masters: When two masters differ essentially, one must be loved and the other hated—there is no middle relation. Meyer. If the masters agree, it is essentially one master. Here two signifies not: Poor slave is under conflicting jurisdiction: one commands; another proclaims. Ibid. Mammon: Does not only mean avarice, but worldly possessions, however few. Bengel. Knowledge of God is the only true wealth. Therefore I say: Act not thus: for your God and Father is essentially enough for you. Siler. . . . Take no thought: When our version was made thought expressed the idea of solicitude. That anxious solicitude, that carking care, J. F. B. Our version exaggerates the command. Alford. . . . What ye shall eat: The prohibited questions are: How shall I be supplied, but shall I be supplied at all? Ibid. . . . 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